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1. AMBASSADOR YASUKAWA TELEPHONED ASSISTANT SECRETARY

HARTMAN, WHO WAS ON TRIP TO WEST COAST, ON MARCH 1 TO SAY THAT HE HAD RECIEVED INTERIM REPLY FROM TOKYO ON TRIREGIONAL PROPOSAL (REFTEL). FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF POINTS MADE BY YASUKAWA:

2. YASUKAWA SAID GOJ IS MAKING A THOROUGH REVIEW OF APPROACH OUTLINED IN US PROPOSAL AND FOR THAT REASON WOULD NOT BE ABLE PROVIDE AN OFFICIAL RESPONSE IMMEDIATELY. IT WAS YASUKAWA'S PERSONAL IMPRESSION, HOWEVER, THAT TOKYO IS FAVORABLY INCLINED TO US PROPOPOSAL.

3. YASUKAWA SAID GOJ IS VERY INTERESTED TO KNOW, HOWEVER, WHAT PRESENT EUROPEAN THINKING ON TRIREGIONAL ISSUE MAY BE AND, IN THIS REGARD, GOJ VERY INTERESTED TO KNOW WHETHER SECRETARY RAISED SUBJECT DURING HIS STOPOVER IN LONDON ON WAY TO MID-EAST, OR WHETHER HE PLANS TO RAISE IT WITH GERMANS IN BONN. YASUKAWA SAID INFORMATION ON THIS POINT WOULD GREATLY ASSIST GOJ IN DEVELOPING AN OFFICIAL RESPONSE TO US PROPOSAL.

4. AS FAR AS TIMING WAS CONCERNED, TOKYO HAD SAID THAT THE DIET WILL LIKELY STILL BE IN SESSION DURING LATE APRIL AND EARLY MAY, AND THEREFORE PRIME MINISTER TANAKA MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO TRAVEL TO EUROPE DURING THIS TIMEFRAME TO SIGN A TRIREGIONAL DECLARATION.

5. IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION BETWEEN DEPTOFF AND JAPANESE EMBASSY COUNSELOR DONOWAKI, LATTER OBSERVED, ON PERSONAL BASIS, THAT IF TANAKA UNABLE TRAVEL TO SIGNING CEREMONY IN LATE APRIL, OTHER ARRANGEMENTS MIGHT BE POSSIBLE, SUCH AS A SIGNING CEREMONY AT LOWER, PERHAPS FOREIGN MINISTER, LEVEL OR EVEN A SUMMIT CEREMONY ARRANGED TO INCLUDE TANAKA BY SATELLITE HOOK-UP. CASEY

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